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RICE TRADE WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken fresh initiatives to increase rice trade with China and signed any agreement in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an assessment has been made about decline in rice trade between both the countries during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the quantum of rice being exported at present

(f) whether any assessment has been made regarding decline of export of Basmati rice during the current year; and

g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a & b) : Yes, Sir. The Basmati rice exports to China are growing fast and the Government has taken fresh initiatives to increase the Basmati exports to China. A protocol has been signed between the Indian Ministry of Agriculture and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Quarantine and Inspection of the People`s Republic of China on Phytosanitary requirements for the export of Basmati rice from India to China during the recent visit of the Chinese President to India.

c & d) : Yes, Sir. An analysis reveals that though a very nominal quantity of Basmati rice is being traded to China, there has been a persistent growth in the quantity and value over the last three years.In non-basmati rice the export of 7,040 tonnes in 2003-04 has followed zero exports in the next two years. Thus, although the Basmati exports from India to China have increased, there is a decline in total trade between India and China during the last three years.

e)The rice export statistics from India to China are as under:

Export of rice to China :

Qty : MTs Val : Rs lakhs

Commodity	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Basmati Rice	5	1.60	20	5.28	83	28.25
Non Basmati rice						
Rice parboiled	40	3.88	0	0	0	0
Rice except parboiled	7000	475.64	0	0	0	0
Total Non Basmati	7040	-479.52	0	0	0	0
Total Rice-	7045	481.12	20	5.28	83	28.25

Source: DGC&IS

f & g) The Basmati exports to China have shown an upward trend as reflected in above table.